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Sent: Monday, May 16, 2011 11:08 AM
To: Crystal Spurr
Subject: Broad Beach Restoration Project

Broad Beach Restoration Project Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR/Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

Dear Ms. Spurr:

I am in receipt of your Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR/Notice of Public Scoping Meeting for the Broad Beach Restoration Project proposed by the Trancas Property Owner's Association (TPOA). I am unable to attend your public meeting in Malibu and hope my comments below can be included in your scoping process and consideration of this project.

First of all, this isn't a 'beach restoration' project at all according to the commonly understood definition of that term, and as such the project is misnamed and misleading.

TPOA proposes to toss sand on top of hastily constructed, unpermitted and unengineered rock piles that were originally designed not to prevent erosion or protect private property but to prevent and eliminate public beach access. None of the EIR's proposed 'alternatives' involve 'restoration' of the existing environment at all. In any fair 'environmental' analysis of the unacceptable status quo, TPOA would be required to consider, as an EIR alternative, removal of the offending rocks and berms.

Further, If CSLC or the California Coastal Commission actually seek to protect public lands in connection any future projects on Broad Beach, the EIR should be required to consider not only removal of the rocks, but also strategic retreat strategies designed to maximize future public beach access and coastal resource protection against illegal developments from adjacent homeowners.

Moreover, the EIR should analyze, account and plan accordingly for sea rise and climate change impacts over future decades at Broad Beach. Whatever 'emergencies' TPOA feels exist now, real or imagined, are likely to be exacerbated significantly in coming decades when up to 4.5-ft of sea rise is expected. It is paramount that the public beach and natural resources be protected in the future.

A worst case scenario for a situation like this would be a public agency blessed development in which sand is tossed on top of illegal rocks creating a more secluded and armored private beach property while the puny remaining wet sand public beach is quickly drowned from sea rise.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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